Evidence in Appomattox

Alfalfa stress

By James A. Smith
Extension Agent

There is some evidence that alfalfa may be under stress. The favorable moisture of the summer creates a desirable situation for crown and root rot disease. Leaf spot disease also develops under these conditions.

The second cutting of mature stands and first cutting of newly seeded stands were heavily damaged by the potato leaf hopper. Some growers cut the crop at the pre-bloom stage. Research shows that one cutting can be taken early without lowering the plants vitality, but plants must be allowed to reach early bloom before the next cutting.

In old stands there is a high level of weeds. These need to be removed by applying one pint of paraquat, plus surfactant, within five days following harvest. This is an excellent practice to follow after taking off the current cutting of hay.

It appears that another significant seeding of alfalfa is being made this month. When proper pH and fertility is maintained, weeds and insects are controlled and mositure is adequate, alfalfa can be harvested every 35 days.

Alfalfa has been referred to as the queen of forages. It is high in nutritional value and a high yielding crop when properly cared for.

Don't try to overseed alfalfa in an old stand--it just doesn't pay.

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During the first six months of this year, Appomattox cattle owners have calfhood vaccinated 29% of their calves. This is slightly above the state average of 27%.

I urge all cattle owners to stay on top of their vaccination programs.

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Appomattox beef cattle producers consigning calves to feeder sales September 30, October 21 or November 4 must tag their calves on the farm. Tags and pliers are available from this office. Vaccination certificates are also available here. Vaccinations must be administered in the presence of the Director, Lynchburg Feeder Cattle Association, veterinarian or representative.

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120 Senior bulls go on test at the Red House Evaluation Center today. There are 67 Angus, 26 polled Hereford, 18 Simmental and 9 Charolais.

Interested persons are invited to view these cattle at their convenience.

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There seems to me to be an increasing number of scattered Johnson grass plants along roads and in fields. It can get away from you and become a major pest.

Roundup does an excellent job. Spray these plants now. The soil is not sterilized.

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Poison Ivy is making vigorous growth. If this plant is not controlled, seed will be spread by birds and become even more of a problem.

Amitrole sold as Amitrol-T or Cyttrol Amitrole-T is one of the most effective herbicides available on poison ivy when used at the rate of 1-½ tablespoons per two gallons of water. Glyphosate sold as Round-up of Kleanup is equally effective but most costly to purchase. 2.4-D will do the job, but may require repeated treatments.

If poison ivy is growing on trees, use care not to get the herbicide on the foliage. On small ornamentals a sponge, paint brush or Windex-type bottle may best be used to make application.

In pastures a combination of Dicamba, pluse 2.4-D will selectively remove poison ivy without injuring the grass. Clover will be killed.

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This fall we will be urging farmers growing tobacco, soybeans and corn to use soil samples in the predictive nematode assay program. These samples must go in between September 1 and November 30.

Special sampling forms and bags are available from this office. In 1981 producers across Virginia submitted 3,586 samples. Results showed 1,914 fields needed to be treated for nematodes.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD STACIE PIERCE found this unusual potato, shaped like a duck, in a home garden last week. Stacie is the daughter of Kathy Pierce and obviously enjoys the amusing aspects of home-garden harvesting. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Happiness is 4-H

By Frank Sweet
Extension Agent

David Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hancock of Appomattox, represented Appomattox at the State 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond last week. David was among the 200 delegates from across Virginia who participated in the three-day program which is sponsored by the electric power suppliers of Virginia.

In addition to learning about electricity from demonstrations and tours of power generating facilities, David also provided entertainment for the group as he performed his state winning Share-the-Fun act, "Noah."

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Ninety-nine 4-H'ers returned the 4-H Camp evaluation form which was sent to all campers in mid-July. From the survey form, nearly all of the campers enjoyed their week at camp. Swimming, water olympics, softball and volleyball rated as the top afternoon activiites, while the dances and the Big Chief's visit were the most popular night programs.

The top rated class was Indian Lore, followed by swimming, arts and crafts and canoeing.

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The 1982 Five County Fair catalogs are now available at the Extension Office, banking establishments and **The Times-Virginian**. Catalogs will also be available from the Vo-Ag and Home Ec departments at Appomattox Middle School and Appomattox County High School. The Five County Fair will begin Monday, September 13.

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According to the 1981-82 4-H project sign up, the most popular projects among Appomattox 4-H'ers are: Dog Care, Cat Care, Wildlife, Rabbits, Archery, Child Care, Woodworking, Citizenship, Bicycle, Small Engines, Clothing and Foods and Nutrition.

4-H members are reminded that completed projects are due by mid-October. Projects turned in will be judged and ribbons awarded on the Danish system.

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As we approach the beginning of a new 4-H year, getting off to an active start is most important. Whether you become involved in a community 4-H club or a school 4-H group, becoming involved is the real key to success.

Additional adult leaders are needed to help with community 4-H groups. If you would be willing to donate some of your time to help young people achieve through 4-H, please give us a call at the Extension Office.

CVCC to offer credit courses at ACHS

Central Virginia Community College in cooperation with the Appomattox County Public Schools is interested in helping students achieve their educational goals. The College will offer a college level course in English Composition to seniors of Appomattox County High School if there is sufficient interest. This course will not be in lieu of the required English 12 class.

The course in English Compositon 111 - 112 - 113 will begin with the Fall Quarter 1982 and be completed in the Spring Quarter 1983. The Fall Quarter begins September 20 and ends December 3, 1982. Winter Quarter begins January 3 and ends March 11, 1983, and the Spring Quarter begins March 28 and ends June 3, 1983. The class will meet weekly at Appomattox County High School on Monday evening from 7:00 - 9:40 p.m.

English 111 - 112 - 113 are 3 credits each and will easily transfer to other colleges. Tuition will be $15.50 per credit hour or $46.50 for each quarter. The Appomattox County School Board will pay at least 50% of the tuition for each student. Cost of the text is undetermined at this time but an estimate would be about $34.00 for all three quarters.

Registration for the class will be limited to the first 30 advanced Senior students. Students wishing to register for the class must complete an application form by September 8, 1982. The applications may be obtained from and returned to Mrs. Joyce Jamerson, Senior Guidance Counselor, at Appomattox County High School. Students or parents desiring additional information may contact Mrs. Jamerson at A.C.H.S. (352-7146).

AES welcomes new teachers

Appomattox Elementary School wishes to welcome several new teachers to our professional staff: Mrs. Dorinda Saxton, TMR teacher; Mrs. Patricia Ashley, ED teacher; Ms. Susan Jamerson, Fourth grade; Mrs. Nancy Dickerson, Fifth grade; Mrs. Linda Hansen, Fifth grade.

The school also welcomes the return of Mrs. Dorothy Oliver to our sixth grade and Mr. Daniel Davis as part-time assistant principal.

The new teachers are very enthusiastic about their association with Appomattox County Public Schools and look forward to working with parents and students of Appomattox County.

Parents organize new Choral Booster Club

Parents of the Appomattox County High School Chorale recently met and organized a boosters' club. The purpose of this organization is to stiumlate community interest in the musical talents and abilities of high school students, assist the Chorale with their projects, musical engagements and performances and to raise funds for needed musical materials, competition and concerts.

The first fund-raising project will be a Yard Sale on Labor Day Weekend. This sale will be held on Saturday, September 4, and Monday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be held on the vacant lot at the stop light across from the Rexall Drug Store on Route 460. All items for this sale are being donated and the proceeds will be used to purchase musical supplies for the Chorale group.

Many people in the community have expressed a desire to see that this group receives the needed encouragement. If you have any items for sale which you would like to donate call Betty McGann at 352-5185, or Peggy Rogers at 352-7361 or the Chorale Director, Steve Lawrence at 352-5336. Or, just come out during Labor Day weekend and look over the items for sale. You may find an item or two which you can use. The support of the public is solicited.

The Appomattox County High School Chorale consists of twenty young high school students and is under the direction of Mr. Steve Lawrence. During the coming year this musical group presents four or more concerts in addition to performances elsewhere in the state. Performance dates will be announced at later dates.

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